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Please delete paragraph [0001] as previously amended and replace it with the replacement paragraph set forth below, which is marked to show changes being made.

This application is a continuation of and claims priority based on United States Patent Application No. 10/143,300 of Mao *et al.*, filed on May 9, 2002 and entitled "Transition Metal Complexes with (Pyridyl)imidazole Ligands and Sensors Using Said Complexes," which issued as United States Patent No. 6,676,816 on January 13, 2004 and is related to United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/290,537 of Fei Mao, filed on May 11, 2001 and entitled "Transition Metal Complexes with (Pyridyl)imidazole Ligands[[],]." Each of the foregoing applications ~~each of which~~ is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.